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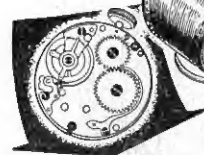
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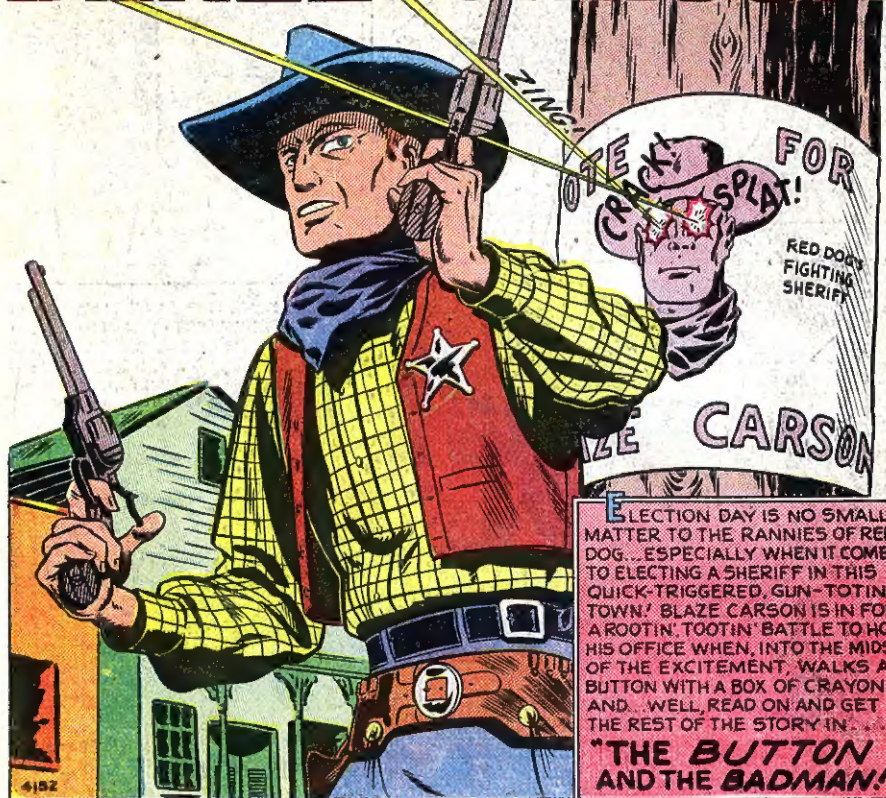


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ELECTION DAY IS NO SMALL MATTER TO THE RANNIES OF RED DOG... ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTING A SHERIFF IN THIS QUICK-TRIGGERED, GUN-TOTIN' TOWN! BLAZE CARSON IS IN FOR A ROOTIN', TOOTIN' BATTLE TO HOLD HIS OFFICE WHEN, INTO THE MIDST OF THE EXCITEMENT, WALKS A BUTTON WITH A BOX OF CRAYONS AND... WELL, READ ON AND GET THE REST OF THE STORY IN...

"THE BUTTON AND THE BADMAN!"

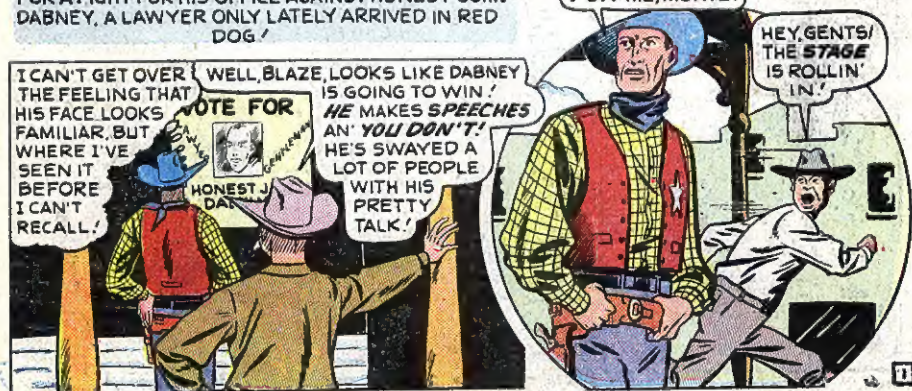
ELECTION DAY IN RED DOG, AND BLAZE CARSON IS IN FOR A FIGHT FOR HIS OFFICE AGAINST HONEST JOHN DABNEY, A LAWYER ONLY LATELY ARRIVED IN RED DOG!

I CAN'T GET OVER THE FEELING THAT HIS FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR, BUT WHERE I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE I CAN'T RECALL!

WELL, BLAZE, LOOKS LIKE DABNEY IS GOING TO WIN! HE MAKES SPEECHES AN' YOU DON'T! HE'S SWAYED A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH HIS PRETTY TALK!

I LET MY GUNS TALK FOR ME, MONTE!

HEY, GENTS! THE STAGE IS ROLLIN' IN!



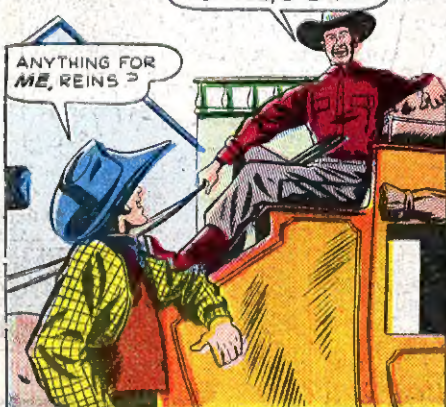
YOU'VE BEEN IN OFFICE SO LONG, BLAZE, THAT I RECKON SOME JASPERS THINK WE NEED A CHANGE!

I'VE ALWAYS DONE MY DUTY AS I SAW IT, MONTE! I CAN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND HOW ALL THESE PEOPLE CAN TURN TO A MAN THEY SCARCELY KNOW JUST BECAUSE HE CAN JUGGLE WORDS!



YUP! GOT A SMALL PACKAGE FOR YOU, SHERIFF!

ANYTHING FOR ME, REINS?



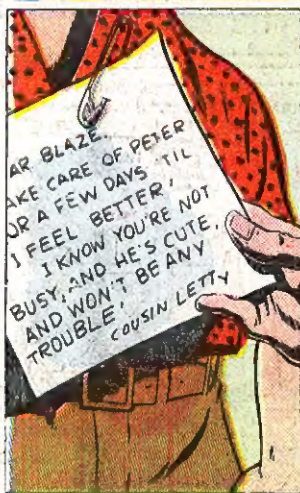
HERE IT IS, BLAZE! YOUR COUSIN, LETTY, SENT HIM ON FROM CHEROKEE FLATS TO VISIT WITH YOU A SPELL! SHE'S BEEN FEELIN' BADLY AN' HER HUSBAND, FRANK, HAS HIS HANDS FULL WITH SCREW-WORMS IN THE NEW STOCK!

WELL, I'LL BE



NOT BUSY! AN ME WITH THE BIGGEST FIGHT I EVER HAD ON MY HANDS... TO REMAIN SHERIFF!

LOOK, UNCLE BLAZE! I HAVE CRAYONS! I'M GOING TO BE AN ARTIST WHEN I GROW UP! 'STEAD OF A NO-GOOD LAZY SHERIFF!



AR BLAZE... TAKE CARE OF PETER FOR A FEW DAYS 'TIL I FEEL BETTER! I KNOW YOU'RE NOT BUSY, AND HE'S CUTE, AND WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE.
COUSIN LETTY



YEAH! CUTE ALL RIGHT! GOING TO BE A GOOD BOY HEY BUTTON?

HA! HA! WHAT YOU DOIN', SHERIFF, BRINGIN' IN OUTSIDERS TO VOTE FOR YOU?

MAYBE!

NAW! THAT'S HIS NEW DEPUTY! HA! HA!

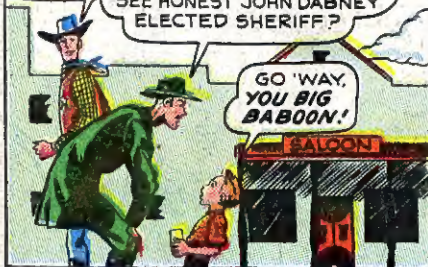


HONEST JOHN DABNEY NEVER MISSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENDEAR HIMSELF STILL FURTHER TO THE HEARTS OF HIS FELLOW TOWNSMEN!

HELLO, DABNEY!

WELL, WELL, AN' HOW'S THE LITTLE MAN? IS HE HERE TO SEE HONEST JOHN DABNEY ELECTED SHERIFF?

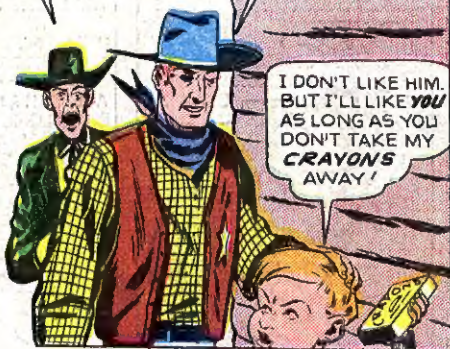
GO 'WAY, YOU BIG BABOON!



WHY, TH' LITTLE

RECKON YOU'N ME ARE GOIN' TO GET ALONG, PARDNER!

I DON'T LIKE HIM. BUT I'LL LIKE *YOU* AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TAKE MY *CRAYONS* AWAY!



BLAZE, WE'VE GOT TO TALK THIS THING OUT! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS AND WE WANT TO SEE YOU STAY IN OFFICE!

PETE, YOU GO AND PLAY, BUT KEEP OFF THE STREET AN' AWAY FROM THE HOSSES!

BOYS, I WON'T MAKE SPEECHES! IF THESE PEOPLE CAN'T REMEMBER THE MANY TIMES I'VE STUCK MY NECK OUT TO SAVE THEM AND THEIR PROPERTY, I'M NOT THE MAN TO REMIND THEM!

DON'T BE BITTER, BLAZE! PEOPLE ARE NOTORIOUSLY SHORT OF MEMORY!

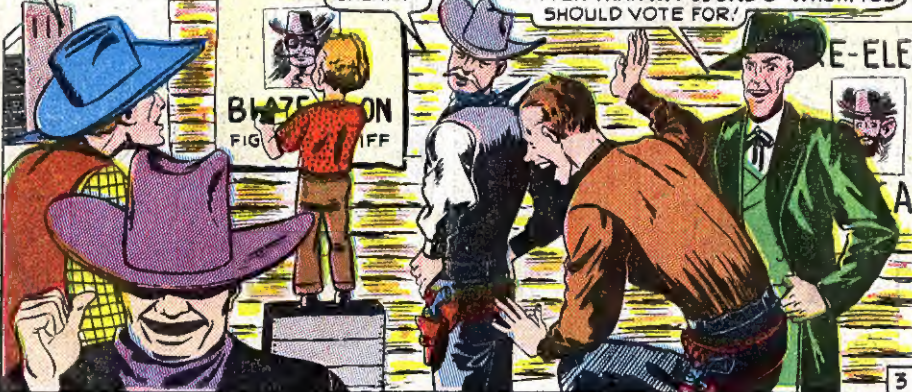
BLAZE! LOOK OUTSIDE!



PETE! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?

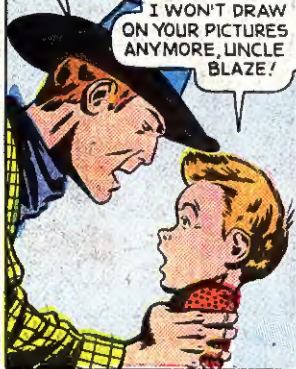
EVEN THE KID DOESN'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF OUR SHERIFF!

"FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES" GENTLEMEN! THIS SHOULD SHOW YOU BETTER THAN *MY WORDS* WHOM YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR!



PETER, YOU LITTLE DEVIL, DON'T YOU *EVER* DO THAT AGAIN, OR I'LL TAKE YOUR *CRAYONS* AWAY!

DON'T TAKE MY CRAYONS! I WON'T DRAW ON YOUR PICTURES ANYMORE, UNCLE BLAZE!



BLAZE, THIS RIDICULE WAS ALL YOU NEEDED TO FINISH THINGS! LEAVE IT TO DABNEY TO SPREAD THE STORY THROUGHOUT TOWN! YOU'RE THROUGH IN RED DOG, UNLESS YOU MAKE SOME SPEECHES... *ANYTHING!*

ALL RIGHT, NOW RUN ALONG AND PLAY!



NO, FRIENDS, MY SIX-GUNS DO ALL MY SPEAKING FOR ME, AND... WHAT'S THE TROUBLE *NOW?*

UNCLE BLAZE! HELP! THE BIG BABOON IS AFTER ME!



YOU LITTLE SPAWN OF SATAN, I'LL...

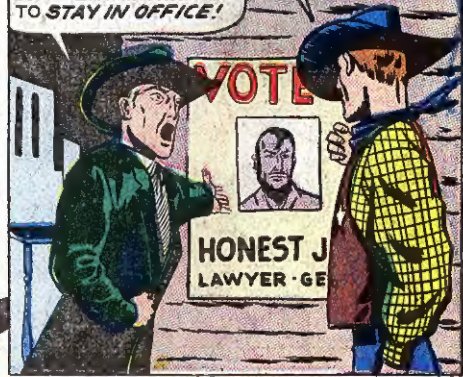
HOLD ON, DABNEY! KEEP THOSE PAWS OFF THE BUTTON OR I'LL COLT-WHIP YOU!



I DID AS YOU SAID... I DIDN'T DRAW ON *YOURS*! I DREW ON *HIS* INSTEAD!

LOOK WHAT THE WHELP DID TO *MY POSTER*! I ACCUSE YOU, SIR, OF USING *UNFAIR MEANS* TO *STAY IN OFFICE!*

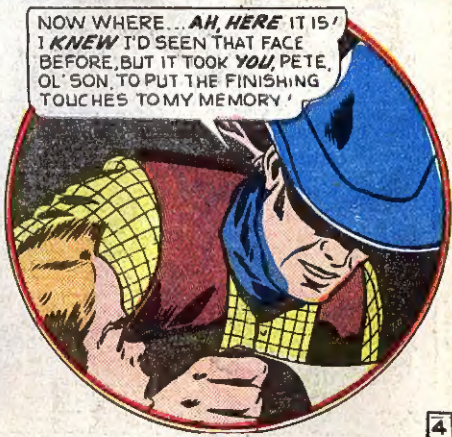
HMM? A MIGHTY INTERESTIN' PIECE OF RETOUCHING!



I'LL SEE HE DOESN'T DO IT AGAIN, DABNEY! NOW I'VE GOT TO GO CHECK ON ANOTHER KIND OF A POSTER!



NOW WHERE... *AH, HERE* IT IS! I *KNEW* I'D SEEN THAT FACE BEFORE, BUT IT TOOK *YOU*, PETE, OL' SON, TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO MY MEMORY!



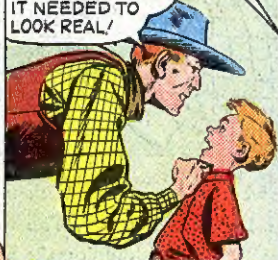
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THIS MAN IS A
DANGEROUS CROOK
AND MURDERER!

PETE, YOU SURE
ARE AN ARTIST!
THOSE LITTLE
TOUCHES YOU
PUT ON DABNEY'S
PICTURE WERE ALL
IT NEEDED TO
LOOK REAL!

TOO BAD IT
WON'T DO
YOU ANY
GOOD,
SHERIFF!



DON'T TRY TO DRAW, SHERIFF!
I ADMIT I'M JESSE DOUGLAS!
YOU'RE TOO SMART FOR YOUR
OWN GOOD! I'LL HAVE TO KILL
YOU AND THE KID, THEN BLUFF IT
OUT WITH THE TOWNSMEN...
AND I'LL GET AWAY WITH IT! I
CAN TALK MY WAY OUT OF
ANYTHING!



LOOK OUT! YOU'LL
STEP ON MY
CRAYON!



ENRAGED BY THE DESTRUCTION OF A
CRAYON, PETE FLINGS THE BOX AT DABNEY'S
FACE... AND AS THE KILLER'S ATTENTION
IS DISTRACTED FOR A SPLIT SECOND...

YOU BAD
MAN! YOU
DID STEP
ON MY
CRAYON!

BAM!



BLAZE SPRINGS
INTO FLAMING
ACTION!

THIS IS THE END OF THE
TRAIL, "HONEST JOHN"!

MY
SHOULDER!

BLAZE



ALWAYS DISTRUSTED
A MAN WHO TALKED AS
MUCH AS THAT
DABNEY!

SURE, SHERIFF! WE
LISTENED TO HIM,
BUT WE WERE GOING
TO **VOTE FOR YOU!**

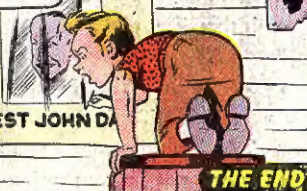
YEP? THAT REMINDS ME!
THE NEXT STAGE DUE IN,
SHOULD HAVE A BIG BOX OF
CRAYONS, PAINTS, AND
PENCILS ABOARD WHICH
I ORDERED FOR THE BUTTON!
COME ON, PETE!

BE RIGHT ALONG,
COUSIN BLAZE.
SOON'S I FINISH
THIS PORTRAIT!



LAWYER

HONEST JOHN DABNEY



THE END



DEAD ENDING

THE sheriff jumped from his chair when he saw the lanky figure go by his office. He ran to the door and yelled down the street, "Tim! Hey, Tim!" The tall cowboy about to mount his horse stopped for a moment, then walked back to the sheriff's office.

"Howdy, John," he said, "What's all the commotion?" The sheriff flicked open a poster and held it up for his friend to see. Tim Lake let his eyes drift over the blurred, but recognizable photograph of Blackie Reed, taking in every word. "So he broke jail, huh?" he murmured.

"Last week," the sheriff told him. "Last report had him heading this way." His face grew serious. "Look Tim, Blackie swore to get you. He broke jail for that reason and is coming looking for you. After all, it was your testimony that sent him up. You were the only one who had nerve enough to stand up and identify him at the trial."

Tim nodded solemnly. "Well, not much I can do about it, John."

"There certainly is!" the sheriff exploded. "You can forget your silly notions about guns and strap a six shooter around you. When you're up in the hills alone that's the only law there is!"

The cowboy smiled grimly. "'Druther not go into that again, John. Guns never settled anything as far as I could see. Don't worry about this Reed feller though. His kind always comes to no good end." With that, Tim said so-long and went back to his horse. The sheriff shook his head slowly. He was going to miss Tim. Nice feller, too, but Blackie would bide his time, then get him sure as shootin'. And in this country you had to know where an outlaw was before you hunted for him. There were just too many places to hide.

Going back to his line camp in the hills west of town, Tim thought over the sheriff's words. It didn't make him too happy to know that a man who hated him was liable to ride out at any moment and gun him down. But even with that in mind, Tim refused to have a thing to do with guns. He never yet killed a man, and he wasn't going to start now.

By the time he reached the gorge, the sun had begun travelling toward the horizon. It was this, the setting rays of the sun bouncing off the polished breech of a rifle, that told him he was being followed. His heart began to pound and he spoke softly to his horse, urging her to a slow trot. There was no doubt about it now . . . that black speck behind him was closing the distance fast.

Tim was not a coward, but he saw no reason for facing an armed man. A second later he was at full gallop, winding around the boulders and crevasses of the hills. The first shot came when he crossed a shallow valley, screaming off a rock into the shale. He reined in his horse, decided his course, and headed her toward an opening in the face of a cliff. It was strange territory to him, but whatever cover it held would be better than crossing the barren hills.

The shots came more frequently now, searching him out, but by keeping behind rock projections, Tim barely showed himself to the killer behind him. Tim remembered the gorge only slightly. It was in the early spring of last year that he had heard the wailing screams of a wounded mountain lion in here.

He grinned at the thought. Unarmed, as usual, but curious, he had crept into the gorge and found this giant male, the largest cat he had ever



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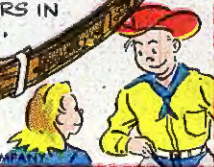
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seen, with its paw caught under a rock slide. Apparently it had been there for some time, for its ribs showed through the tawny hide, and its eyes were dull with prolonged pain. He had wished for a gun then to put the animal out of its misery, but having none he had done the next best thing.

From a scrub pine he had cut a stout branch, then staying away from those terrible claws, had pried the great boulder away. Tim remembered the cat's eyes watching him as he worked. Hostile? No . . . almost knowing. Once he had slipped, and for a second was within reach of the free paw, but the animal never moved. And when the rock finally gave the cat had withdrawn its injured foot, stared at him for a short space of time, then hobbled away.

The whine of a bullet brought Tim to the present quickly. There was another, and he put his spurs to his horse. He knew fear now, and anger at himself for being forced to run. The next report was louder, and a bullet thudded into flesh. Under him his horse buckled, went down, throwing him clear.

He was up immediately, running for his life, keeping behind the rocks. When Blackie saw the dead horse and knew his victim was afoot, he let out a yell of triumph. "Yuh might as well stand still, Lake! I'm goin' tuh get yuh anyway!"

Tim's lungs were burning. He darted from boulder to boulder, then Blackie spotted him and triggered off two shots. Run. Run. His legs were shaky and wouldn't respond any longer. There was a turn-off into the gorge and he dashed for it. Blackie saw him again and spurred his horse forward.

The terrible finality of it all hit Tim the moment he slipped around the edge of the rock shelf. He had come to the end of the gorge. Ahead of him was a big flat saucer, fenced in by fifty foot walls! Even if he did try to climb out, Blackie would pick him off like a fly. It was a dead end!

No place to hide, not even a stone to throw . . . nothing between himself and death. Blackie came into sight then. He saw Tim pressed against the

side of the cliff and halted. His face was a mask of hate, while in his eyes fires danced, for his long search had come to a conclusion.

He lifted the rifle slowly. "So you thought I'd never get to you, Lake?"

Tim stared, hardly daring to breathe. "Why don't yuh shoot and get it over with?" he said.

"Not yet. I'm enjoying this. Mebbe I'll shoot yuh up easy like at first before I finish yuh. Too bad you're not smart, mister. If yuh were yuh would've been carrying a gun. Yuh just made it nice and easy for me."

Blackie's finger touched the trigger and a bullet plucked at Tim's boot. The next one, he knew, would see his blood spilled. Blackie leered at him. "I've waited a long time for this . . . and it was worth it!" The gun came up and Tim was looking down the black muzzle. He tried closing his eyes against the impact of the slug, but they wouldn't move. Blackie's knuckle tightened.

There was a flash of yellow from the rocks above . . . a scream of animal fury broke the deadly silence! Blackie went down under the big cat's charge, his rifle blasting the floor of the gorge. He cried out only once, squirming against the terrible embrace of those sinewy paws, then the beast's teeth cut off the rest of the sound. Blackie's horse whirled in fright, dashed to the end of the cavern near Tim and whinnied in terror. Tim grabbed the reins and held on. Behind him the mountain lion's paws raked the prostrate figure until it was still, then turned and looked at Tim.

For a full minute their eyes held, then the cat turned, king of his own domain, and walked off. The animal limped with each step, favoring a mangled paw that had once been crushed.

Tim's eyes held a strange look. His mind went back to that day last spring. Yes, the big cat had paid his debt . . . in full. He walked over to the dead outlaw, kicked at the rifle in disgust, then mounted the horse and rode off. It was a dead end, he thought. It could have been worse.

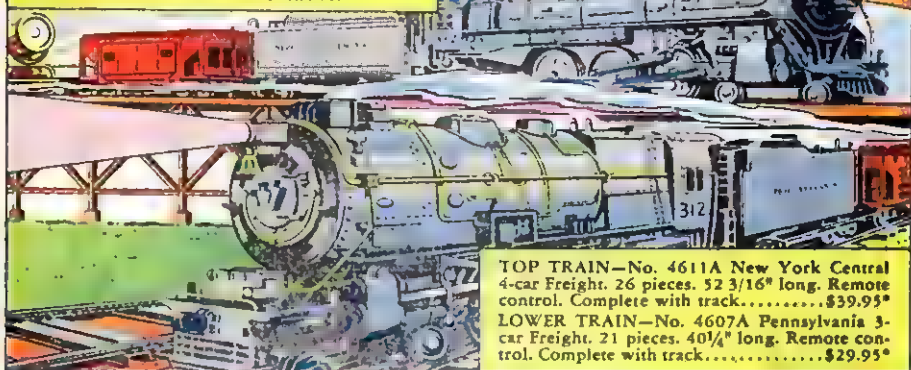
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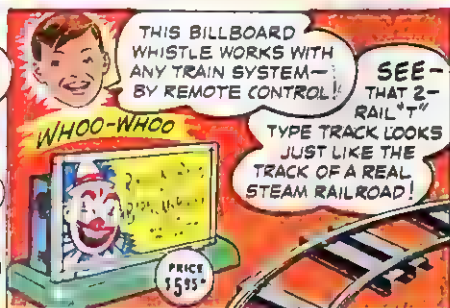
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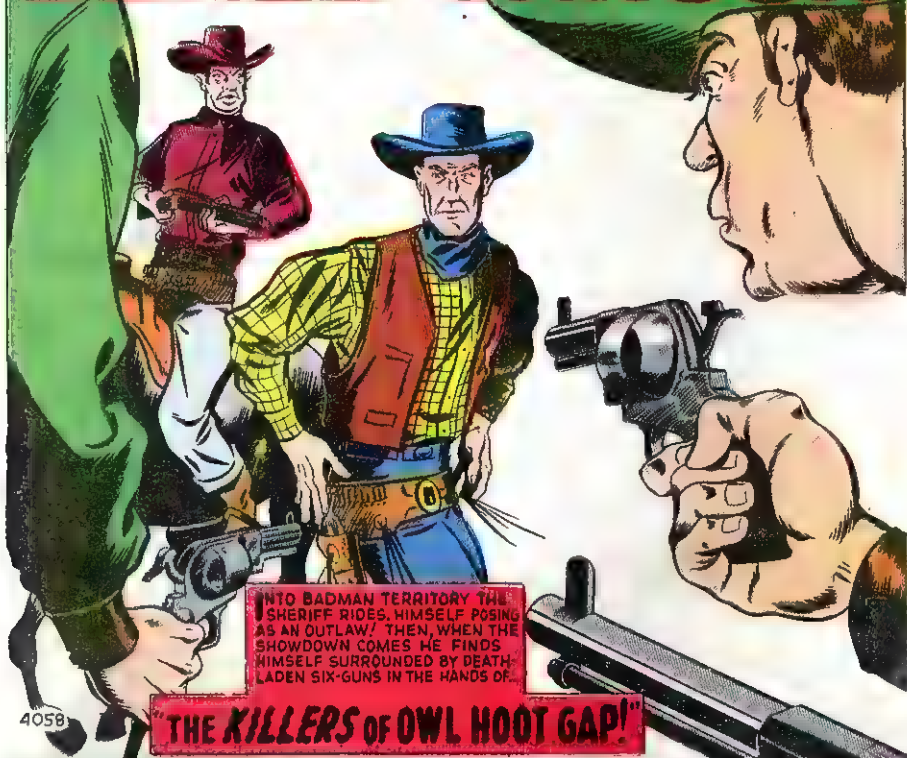


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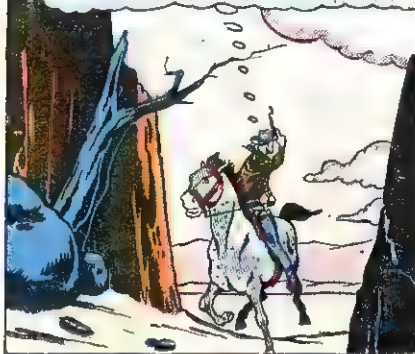


INTO BADMAN TERRITORY THE SHERIFF RIDES, HIMSELF POSING AS AN OUTLAW! THEN, WHEN THE SHOWDOWN COMES HE FINDS HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY DEATH-LADEN SIX-GUNS IN THE HANDS OF

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I HAVE TO MAKE THIS LOOK **REAL** OR I'LL BE A **DEAD** SHERIFF BEFORE I START! GUESS I'M CLOSE ENOUGH...

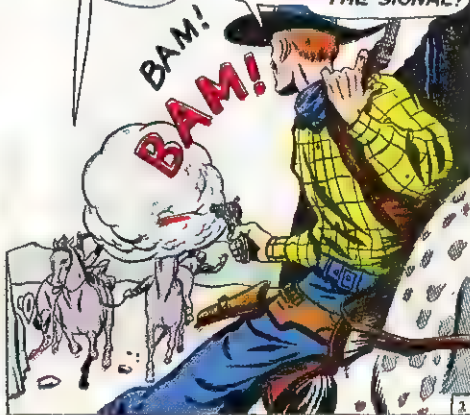


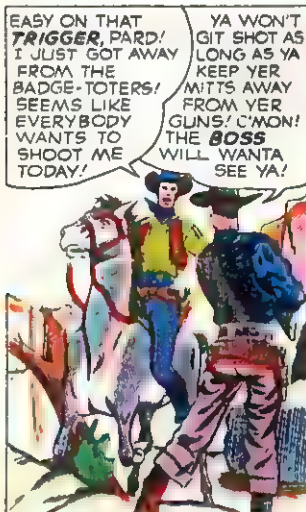
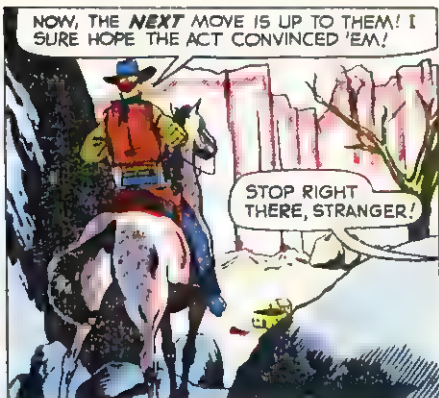
AAHHH!

STEVE AND AL TOOK THOSE FALLS NICELY! I HOPE THEY'RE NOT HURT, AND I HOPE THE REST OF THEM **REMEMBER THE SIGNAL!**

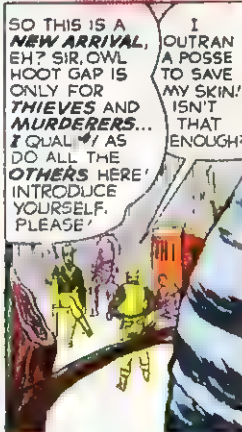
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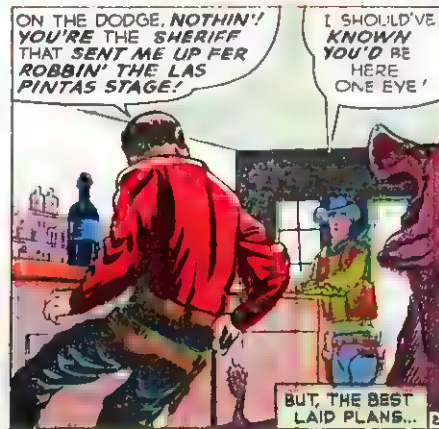
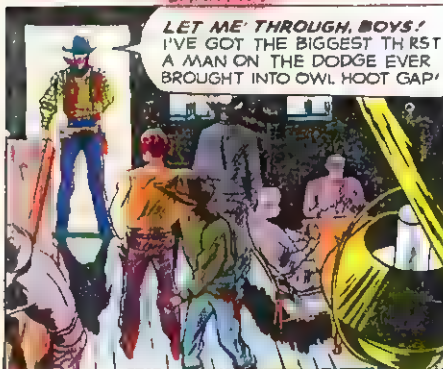




FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SHERIFF CONFRONTS THE BOSS OF OWL HOOT GAP...



THE CENTER OF COMMUNITY LIFE AT OWL HOOT GAP... A SALOON HOUSED IN A LOO SHANTY.





I KNOW YOU,
YOU DIRTY...
UGH!

YOU SHOULDN'T GO
AROUND CALLING
PEOPLE NAMES
LIKE THAT,
ONE-EYE!

BAM!



YEP! I COULD'VE
FORGIVEN AN
ORDINARY BAD
WORD, BUT WHEN
A MAN CALLS ME
SHERIFF, HE HAS
TO **BACK IT UP!**



ONE-EYE CAN'T BACK
HIS PLAY NOW, BUT
I CAN! YOU'LL SEE
THE BOSS
AGAIN!

CRACK!



BOSS, ONE-EYE
SPOTTED THIS
FELLOW AS A
LAW MAN!
DO WE **SHOOT**
HIM OR JUST
STRING HIM
UP ON THE
NEAREST
TREE?

WAIT'LL HE
COMES TO!
HE MIGHT
BE ABLE
TO EXPLAIN
THIS!



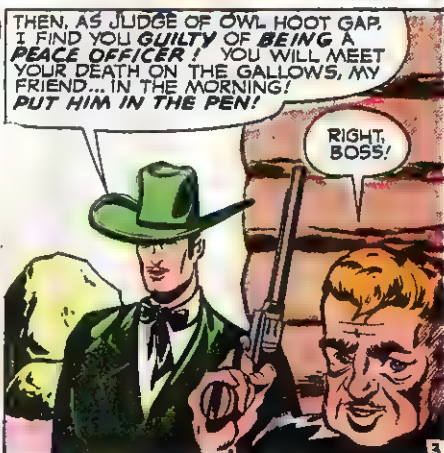
ONE-EYE
SAID THIS
GUY RAN
HIM IN,
BACK IN
LAS PINAS!
I SAY **PLUG**
'IM RIGHT
OFF!

I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO
ISSUES
DECREES OF
DEATH IN
OWL HOOT
GAP! LET
THE MAN
SPEAK!



THERE'S BEEN A SERIOUS
ACCUSATION MADE
AGAINST YOU. MY
FRIEND! I **WARN**
YOU **NOT** TO
LIE! ARE YOU
A **PEACE**
OFFICER?

I AM **SHERIFF**
BLAZE CARSON
AND **PROUD**
OF IT!



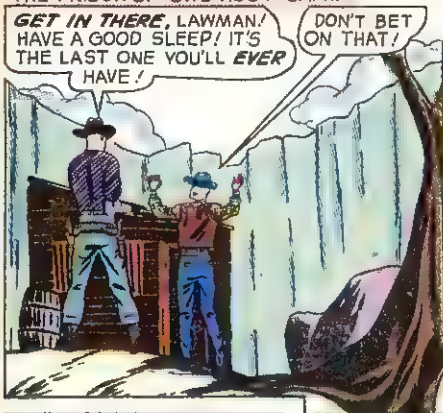
THEN, AS **JUDGE OF OWL HOOT GAP**,
I FIND YOU **GUILTY OF BEING A**
PEACE OFFICER! YOU WILL MEET
YOUR DEATH ON THE **GALLOWES**, MY
FRIEND... IN THE **MORNING!**
PUT HIM IN THE PEN!

RIGHT,
BOSS!

THE PRISON OF OWL HOOT GAP...

GET IN THERE, LAWMAN!
HAVE A GOOD SLEEP! IT'S
THE LAST ONE YOU'LL EVER
HAVE!

DON'T BET
ON THAT!



THIS OAKHURST.. POLISHED, SUAVE, EDUCATED.
WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT NAME BEFORE?
I'VE GOT IT! OAKHURST, ONE OF THE FINEST
FAMILIES IN THE WEST! *THIS* HOMBRE MUST
BE THE *BLACK SHEEP*!



NOW I'D BETTER GET TO WORK!
IF THIS PLACE BURNS, IT'LL
GIVE THE SIGNAL TO THE
POSSE OUTSIDE TO
CRASH THE PASS...AND
AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL
GET OUT OF HERE!



GOOD! IT'LL BURN!
NOW I'VE GOT TO
START YELLIN' TO GET
OUT OF HERE, AS SOON
AS THIS FIRE GETS
GOIN'!



HEY, GUARD!
LET ME OUT!
THE JAIL'S
ON FIRE!

NOW YOU DID IT!
WE'LL MAKE YOU
SORRY FOR
THAT!



I'LL BURN TO
A CRISP! OPEN
THE DOOR.
WILL YOU?

I SENT A MAN TO TELL
OAKHURST! I DON'T MOVE
'TIL HE GIVES ME TH' WORD... *HERE* HE COMES
NOW!



HE'S NOT CHEATIN'.
THE GALLOWES *THAT*
WAY! LET HIM OUT!
IF HE GETS AWAY,
YOU'RE A *DEAD*
MAN, GUARD!

I SEE WHY YOUR
DISCIPLINE'S SO GOOD,
OAKHURST! IT'S OBEY
OR DIE, HUH? WELL,
THANKS FOR SAVIN'
MY LIFE...FOR
THE ROPE!



AS OAKHURST LEAVES, BLAZE CARSON SWINGS INTO SMASHING ACTION...

MOVE OVER THERE! HEY... OW!

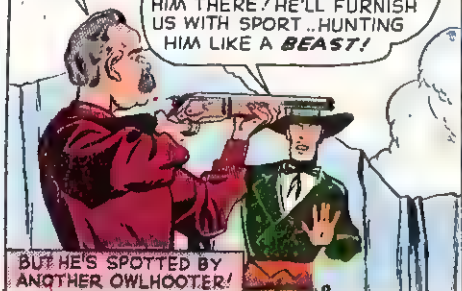
I'M TIRED OF THAT UGLY FACE! THIS'LL CHANGE YOUR PROFILE!



HEY! HE'S RUNNIN' FOR IT! I'LL GET 'IM!

LET HIM GO! HE CAN LEAVE THE VALLEY ONLY THROUGH THE PASS... THEY'LL BE WATCHIN' FOR HIM THERE! HE'LL FURNISH US WITH SPORT... HUNTING HIM LIKE A BEAST!

BUT HE'S SPOTTED BY ANOTHER OWLHOOTER!



THE BOYS'LL BE HITTIN' THE PASS ANY MINUTE! I'LL GIVE THEM A LITTLE SUPPORT FROM THE REAR!



LOOKS LIKE OAKHURST'S MEN HAVE SPOTTED THE POSSE! THE BOYS WON'T HAVE A CHANCE!



I'VE GOT TO GET THEIR ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE PASS... AN' THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DO IT!



GOT ONE!

E-E-E-I-Y-Y-Y!



IT'S THE LAWMAN WHO KILLED ONE-EYE! NEVER MIND THE POSSE! GET HIM!

JUST WHAT I WANTED! THE BOYS'LL BE INSIDE IN A MINUTE, AND THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO BLAST THIS OWL-HOOT'S NEST WIDE OPEN!



THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!
I'D BETTER PUT HIM
OUT OF THE GAME
BEFORE HE GETS
ANY BETTER!
GOT 'IM!



BLAZE CARSON'S ACCURATE
GUNFIRE KEEPS THE OWL-
HOOTERS DUCKING FOR
COVER UNTIL THE POSSE
ENTERS THE PASS.

I HATE TO LEAVE
BUT I THINK I'D BETTER GET
DOWN THERE AN' SEE THAT
THE POSSE GETS 'EM ALL!
IF OAKHURST OR ANY OF
THE OTHERS GET AWAY,
THEY'LL START ANOTHER
OWL HOOT GAP SOMEWHERE
ELSE! I'LL LEAVE MY HAT
FOR COMPANY!



I GOT 'IM!
COME
ON! HE'S
STIFF!

THE BOYS BACK
THERE ARE SURE
HAVIN' A TIME 'THAT
WAS A NEW HAT, TOO!
BUT BETTER A
HOLE IN MY HAT,
THAN IN MY HEAD!



THE SHOOTING DIES, THE SMOKE
CLEARS, AND BLAZE CARSON
STRIDES OUT TO GREET HIS
POSSE!

NICE JOB, MEN! I DON'T
SEE OAKHURST HERE.
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT
TO! I GUESS I'LL HAVE
TO GET HIM MYSELF!

HE WASN'T
ANY-
WHERE
AROUND,
SHERIFF!



I'LL TAG
ALONG WITH
YOU, BLAZE!

HE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF
THE PASS! THE BOYS'LL
HAVE THAT BLOCKED!
MAYBE HE'LL TRY THE
PASS I USED OVER THE
CLIFF!



THEN BEGINS A GRIM
MAN-HUNT! BLAZE
CARSON HOT ON THE
TRAIL OF THE
MASTER CRIMINAL!

OAKHURST, BOSS OF
OWL HOOT GAP, WATCHES
HIS KINGDOM DISAPPEAR
IN GUN SMOKE!

THAT BLASTED SHERIFF
DID THIS! IT LOOKS AS
THOUGH I'LL HAVE TO
MAKE TRACKS!



I HAVE TO GET AWAY! IT
WOULD BE STUPID FOR
ME TO DIE ON THE
GALLOWS WITH COMMON
CRIMINALS!



HIGHER AND HIGHER
OAKHURST CLIMBS UP THE
ROCKY TRAIL TOWARD THE
SUMMIT, AS THE CHASE
GROWS HOTTER.

I ONLY HAVE TWO BULLETS LEFT
I MUST MAKE THEM COUNT
THEY'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE!



YOU MAY AS WELL
GIVE UP, OAKHURST!
YOU CAN'T WIN!



I'M OUT OF
CARTRIDGES! I MUST
GET HIM TO WASTE
THE ONES HE HAS
LEFT!

AT THE SUMMIT OF OWL HOOT PEAK
OAKHURST MAKES HIS STAND!

MISSED! MY GUN'S EMPTY
BUT SO IS YOURS, CARSON!
I COUNTED THE SHOTS!

BAM!
CLICK!

RIGHT,
OAKHURST...
BUT I'M
COMING
AFTER YOU
ANYHOW!

JUSTICE IS CLOSING IN ON THE BOSS OF OWL HOOT
GAP AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY JOINS HIM!

OKAY, OAKHURST, YOU'RE
BOTH JUDGE AND JURY OF
OWL HOOT GAP! WHAT'S THE
VERDICT? DO YOU *SURRENDER*?

YOU KNOW WHAT
I'LL CHOOSE...

DEATH!

IF I SHOOT HE'LL
TOPPLE OVER THE
EDGE!

OAKHURST IS JUDGE, JURY, AND EXECUTIONER AT HIS OWN DEATH... CHOOSING
QUICK OBLIVION ON THE ROCKS, RATHER THAN THE GALLOWS OF JUSTICE!

STOP HIM,
SHERIFF!

TOO LATE, BEN!
FOR HIM IT'S
THE *BEST* WAY!

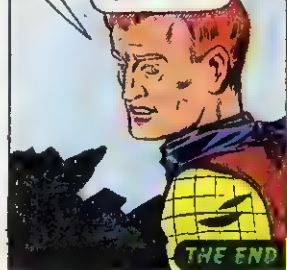


WELL, HE
TURNED
COWARD LIKE
ALL MURDERERS,
DIDN'T HE?
I SUPPOSE IT
LOOKS
THAT
WAY...
BUT IT
WAS HIS
ONLY WAY
OUT!

DOESN'T LOOK THAT
WAY TO ME! IT'S
A *COWARDLY*
WAY TO DIE! IF HE'D
HAD ANY GUTS, HE'D
HAVE SURRENDERED
AND TAKEN HIS
MEDICINE!

THAT'S
TRUE,
AND
HE
WOULD
HAVE...

BUT HE KNEW I *COULDN'T*
SHOOT! BOTH OF US HAD
EMPTY GUNS! OAKHURST
WOULD HAVE DRAGGED A
NOBLE NAME TO THE
GALLOWS! BUT HE WAS
A THIEF AND MURDERER,
SO I SAY... *GOOD*
RIDDANCE!



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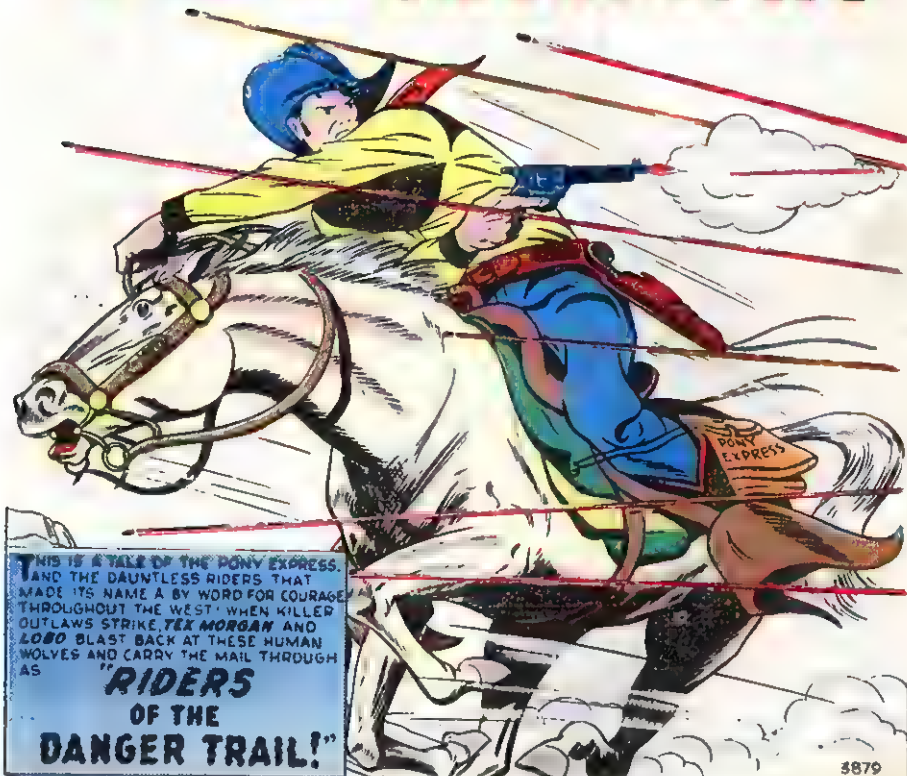
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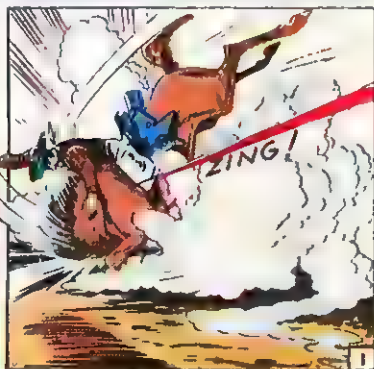
THIS IS A TALE OF THE PONY EXPRESS, AND THE DAUNTLESS RIDERS THAT MADE ITS NAME A BY WORD FOR COURAGE THROUGHOUT THE WEST! WHEN KILLED OUTLAWS STRIKE, **TEX MORGAN** AND **LOBO** BLAST BACK AT THESE HUMAN WOLVES AND CARRY THE MAIL THROUGH AS

**"RIDERS
OF THE
DANGER TRAIL!"**

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THE DEEP SILENCE OF THE FAR-STRETCHING OPEN RANGE IS BROKEN BY A FAINT, DISTANT RUMBLE! LOUDER IT GROWS AND LOUDER! THEN A HARD RUNNING, FOAM FLECKED PONY WITH ITS TIRELESS RIDER, GALLOPS INTO VIEW! IT'S THE PONY EXPRESS!

SUDDENLY, THE UGLY BARK OF A DEADLY, WAITING CARBINE RINGS OUT! THEN ANOTHER 'FAITHFUL PONY AND GALLANT RIDER TUMBLE INTO A HEAP OF SWIRLING DUST AND REDDENED SAND!



THE DUST SETTLES DOWN ABOUT THE
FALLEN VALIANT MOUNT AND RIDER,
WHO LIE STILL NOW...IN DEATH! THEN
THREE MASKED FIGURES APPEAR OVER
A NEARBY RIDGE AND GAZE DOWN
UPON THEIR LIFELESS TARGETS!

THUS, A PONY EXPRESS RIDER OF THE
OLD WEST MEETS HIS DEATH, AS HE
CARRIES THE U.S. MAIL FROM SEVEN
MILE TO RED RIVER BEND! THE
MASKED RAIDERS ROB THE MAIL
BAGS OF THEIR PRECIOUS CONTENTS:
GOLD, AND DISAPPEAR INTO THE HILLS!
TWO DAYS LATER, ANOTHER HARDY
RIDER MOUNTS UP AT THE MAIL
STATION AT SEVEN MILE AND
GALLOPS OUT TOWARD RED RIVER
BEND. FOR THE MAIL MUST GO
THROUGH!

BUT THE WATCHING BANDITS STRIKE
AGAIN, AND AGAIN A DASHING COURIER
AND HIS STURDY MOUNT CRUMPLE INTO
A LIFELESS MASS! ONCE MORE, THE
MASKED MEN SWOOP DOWN AND ROB
THE MAIL POUCHES OF THEIR GOLD!

GOOD SHOOTING, RED! NOW LET'S
TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE BAGS!



BACK AT THE LITTLE WESTERN TOWN OF SEVEN MILE, THE
HARASSED AGENT OF THE MAILS, JOE PETERS,
LOOKS FOR NEW RIDERS...FOR MEN WHO WILL CARRY
THE MAIL INTO THE DANGER TERRITORY! THEN A
WELCOME, STALWART FIGURE RIDES INTO TOWN. TEX
MORGAN, OF THE FAST TALKING SIX-GUNS, RIDING BY HIS
SIDE COMES HIS COPPER-SKINNED COMPANION OF THE
TRAILS. LOBO!

SO A NEW RIDER SLINGS THE MAIL POUCHES ON
HIS SADDLE AND HEADS OUT FOR RED RIVER BEND,
BRAVING ANY DANGERS WHICH MAY BE
WAITING ON THE TRAIL AHEAD! BUT THIS RIDER IS
THE LEAN TEX MORGAN, MOUNTED ON THE FASTEST
STALLION OF THE SOUTH WEST! HIS PAID LOBO
RIDES AS A REAR GUARD, SCANNING THE TERRAIN
FOR ANY RAIDERS!

TEX MORGAN! SURE GLAD TO SEE
YOU! I'VE GOT TO GET THE MAIL
BAGS THROUGH TO RED RIVER BEND!
WILL YOU TOTE THEM FOR ME?

I'M HEADING
THAT WAY, SO I'LL
CARRY THEM,
PETERS!

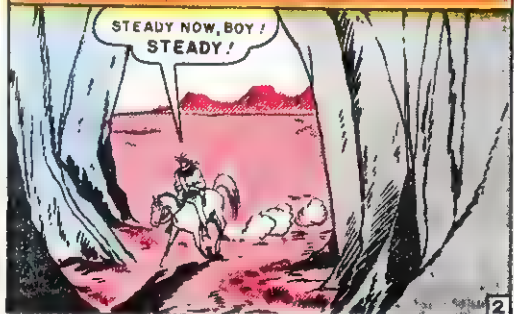


WELL, LIGHTNING. SEEMS MIGHTY PEACEFUL
AROUND HERE SO FAR! BUT KEEP YOUR
WEATHER EYE OPEN! THOSE OUTLAWS ARE
LIABLE TO APPEAR ANYTIME! I'M GLAD THAT
LOBO IS LOOKING OUT BEHIND!



AN ANCIENT CANYON RECEIVES THE LITHE RIDER WITHIN ITS
SILENT WALLS. TOWERING WALLS WHICH HAVE LOOKED DOWN
UPON PAST TRAGEDIES AND HAVE FORMED THE GRAVES FOR
OTHER VALIANT SOULS! THE DULL THUD OF THE SNORTING
STALLION'S HOOFES RESOUND AGAINST THE ROCKY
BARRIERS! THE STEEL-MUSCLED BODY OF TEX MORGAN
SUDDENLY GROWS TENSE AS HE SENSES DANGER!

STEADY NOW, BOY!
STEADY!

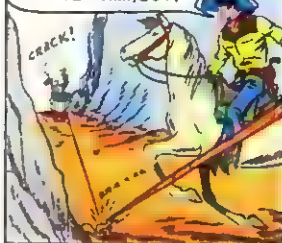


THEN THE SILENCE OF THE CANYON IS SHATTERED BY THE SHARP CRACK OF A CARBINE WITH AN UGLY WHINE, AN ANGRY SLUG RICOCHETS AGAINST THE ROCKY WALLS!

WITH A BURST OF FLASHING SPEED, THE GREAT PALOMINO SPRINTS AFTER THE DISAPPEARING SNIPER!

THE DESPERATE CHASE ROARS THROUGH THE NARROW CORRIDOR! THE BEATING OF POUNDING HOOFES ECHOES ALONG THE TOWERING SIDES, WITH GREAT STRIDES, THE GOLDEN STALLION CLOSES UPON THE FLEEING GUNMAN! THEN TEX IS SHOT AT FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION!

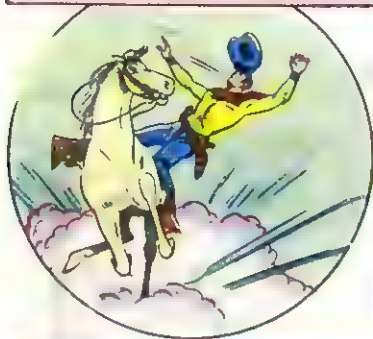
WOW! THAT WAS CLOSE! THERE'S THE VARMINT UP AHEAD! GO GET HIM, BOY!



ANOTHER ONE! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE RUN INTO A HORNETS' NEST! TIME FOR ME TO PLAY POSSUM!

PLAYING THE BRUTAL GAME TO THE HILT, THE LITHE RANGE RIDER FLINGS HIS POWERFUL FRAME FROM THE SADDLE AS THOUGH SHOT BY THE SECOND GUNMAN'S BULLET!

QUICKLY, THE GRIM BANDIT WHO FIRED THE SHOT GALLOPS UP TO THE DOWNED RIDER, AND IS JOINED BY ONE OF HIS MASKED COMPANIONS! THE MERCILESS PAIR DISMOUNT AND CONFIDENTLY APPROACH THEIR FALLEN VICTIM!



I KNOCKED THIS CRITTER DOWN WITH ONE SHOT! LET'S LOOK HIM OVER!

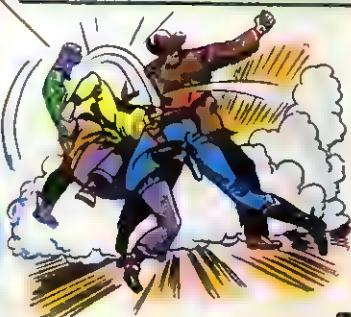
YEAH, THEN I'LL ROUND UP THAT HOSS! LOOKED LIKE A TOP PONY TO ME!



AS THE UNWARY BANDITS APPROACH THE SHAMMING TEX, HE GATHERS HIS TENSE, WHPCORD MUSCLES, AND WITH A CAT-LIKE SPRING, LEAPS INTO EXPLOSIVE ACTION!

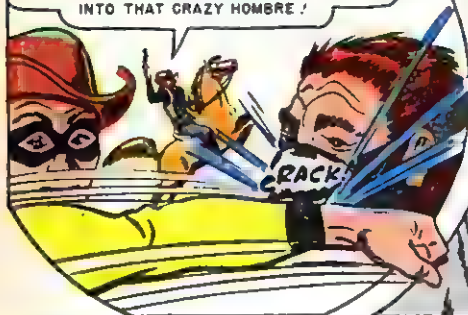
WITH THE AWFUL FURY OF A CORNERED GRIZZLY, TEX LASHES OUT WITH POWERFUL BLOWS! THE DULL THUD OF BONE ON BONE MINGLES WITH THE LOW GROWLS OF THE KILLERS!

WHAT TH...?!!



DURING THE VICIOUS FIGHT, THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE MASKED GANG FURIOUSLY RIDES UP, WITH DRAWN GUN! HE LOOKS FOR AN OPENING FOR A SHOT AT TEX WHO IS RAPIDLY BEATING DOWN THE BANDITS!

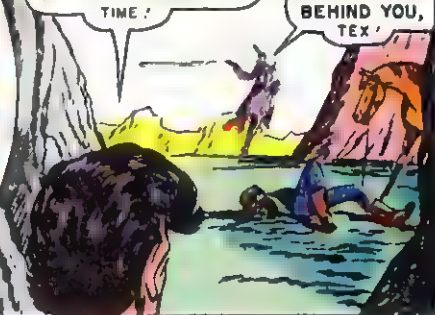
MIKE / RED / GET CLEAR! I'LL POUR LEAD INTO THAT CRAZY HOMBRE!



SEEING AN OPENING, THE BANDIT DRAWS A DEAD ON TEX JUST AS HIS GUN IS ABOUT TO SPIT DEATH. A SHOT RINGS OUT AND THE BADMAN CRUMPLES INTO A LIFELESS HEAP! THEN, FAITHFUL LOBO GALLOPS UP WITH SMOKING GUN!

GOOD OLD LOBO JUST IN TIME!

WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU, TEX!



THE CRAFTY RED, SEEING HIS CHANCE, SMASHES THE DISTRACTED TEX WITH A SWINGING RIGHT, ONLY TO BE MET BY A TERRIFIC COUNTER-BLOW WHICH KNOCKS HIM SENSELESS!

MAYBE THIS WILL KEEP YOU QUIET FOR A SPELL!



MIKE, THE LONE SURVIVOR, LEAPS AWAY FROM THE BATTLE AND SPRINTS FOR A NEARBY OPENING IN THE FACE OF THE CLIFF!

LOBO, GUARD THIS HOMBRE! I'LL FETCH THAT VARMINT!



PANTING, RACING, WITH TERROR-FILLING HIS REDDENED EYES, THE STUMBLING BANDIT DASHES THROUGH THE ANCIENT TUNNEL WITH FEARFUL GLANCES, HE SEES HIS RENTLESS PURSUER DRAWING CLOSER... CLOSER...

GO BACK! GO BACK! OR I'LL KILL YOU! WELL, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAVE IN MIND!



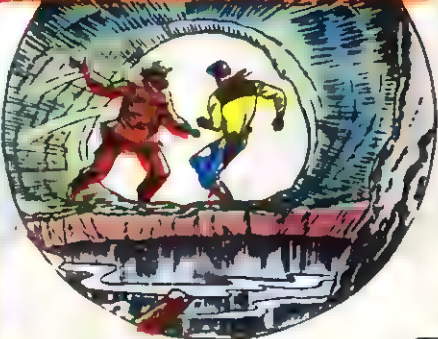
TEX CLOSES IN ON HIS DESPERATE FOE AND A FIGHT TO THE FINISH BEGINS! WITH A SAVAGE STRENGTH BORN OF HIS HOPELESS PLIGHT, THE TRAPPED KILLED RAINS WILD BLOWS UPON HIS ATTACKER!

YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME BACK!

YOU SURE WANT IT THE HARD WAY!

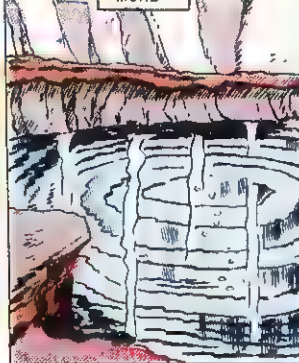


THE BATTLESIDE PAIR UNKNOWNLY DRAW CLOSE TO A BOTTOMLESS POOL! THE BATTERED BANDIT SUDDENLY GRABS A HANDY ROCK AND, WITH A DESPERATE LUNGE, SMASHES AT TEX!



BUT THE SAVAGE ATTACK IS WARDED OFF AND MET BY A TERRIFIC BLOW, DELIVERED WITH ALL THE POWER OF 190 POUNDS OF FIGHTING FURY! THE KILLER STAGGERS, TOTTERS BACKWARDS, AND DISAPPEARS INTO THE STILL WATERS OF THE WAITING POOL!

A WIDENING RIPPLE SPREADS ACROSS THE DISTURBED SURFACE, A STRING OF BUBBLES DANCE UP FROM THE DEPTHS! THE KILLER IS SEEN NO MORE!



THE BATTLE-WEARY TEX RETURNS TO THE WELCOME SUNLIGHT, AND REJOINS THE WAITING LOBO AND HIS CAPTIVE, WHO HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS!



WITH A SUDDEN MOVE, TEX RIPS THE MASK FROM THE FACE OF THE REMAINING BANDIT!

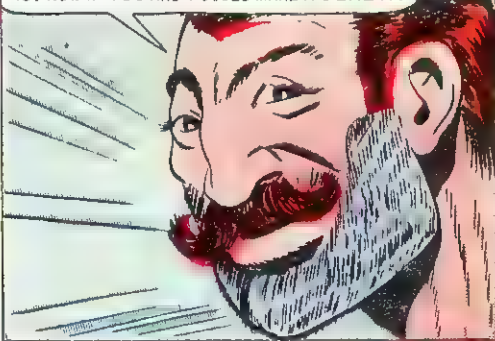
PETERS...IT'S YOU!

THE MAIL AGENT!



WELL, MORGAN, YOU HAVE ME RED-HANDED ALL RIGHT!

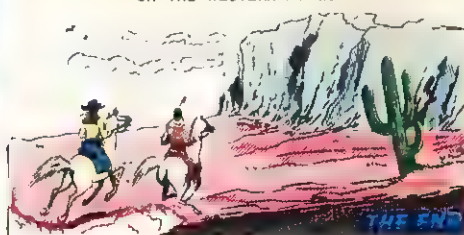
MY BEING AGENT BACK IN SEVEN MILE, GAVE ME THE INSIDE DOPE WHENEVER GOLD WAS BEING CARRIED BY ANY OF THE EXPRESS RIDERS! I'D TIP OFF MY TWO PARTNERS AND WE'D WAYLAY THE RIDERS! WE'D BURY THE GOLD AFTER EACH JOB, AND IT JUST LOOKS AS IF I'M THE ONLY LIVING CREATURE WHO KNOWS WHERE IT IS! NOW IF YOU AND I COULD MAKE A DEAL...



NEVER MIND ANY DEAL, PETERS! THE ONLY DEAL I'LL GIVE YOU IS A SAFE TRIP BACK TO THE JAIL HOUSE! I RECKON YOU'LL TELL WHERE THAT BLOOD MONEY LIES BEFORE LONG! LET'S ROUND UP OUR HORSES AND GET GOING!



THE CROOKED AGENT IS BROUGHT INTO TOWN AND JAILED! THERE TO MEET THE FULL PUNISHMENT FOR HIS VICIOUS CRIMES! THE EXPRESS RIDERS ONCE MORE FLASH ALONG THE OUTWARD TRAILS IN SAFETY, AND TEX MORGAN AND LOBO HIT THE PRAIRIE SAGE, THEIR PURPLE SHADOWS LENGTHENING BEFORE THEM IN THE SETTING SUN, AS THEY RIDE TOWARD NEW ADVENTURE ON THE WESTERN TRAILS!



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At this writing Uncle Sam's stamp-issuing program for 1948 called for a total of thirty postal items, all but one of which have been mentioned in these columns. There were published reports that the Post Office Department was considering adding two — one honoring the late General Pershing, the other in memory of the late baseball hero "Babe" Ruth, but no official word that such stamps would appear had come from Washington as these lines were being prepared.

A surprise stamp, its printing directed by President Truman, is a 3c purple honoring Harlan Fiske Stone (1872-1946), who was Chief Justice of the United States at the time of his death. This memorial bearing his portrait, received first-day sale on Aug. 25 at his birthplace, Chesterfield, N. H.

A likeness of Clara Barton (1830-1912), first president of the American Red Cross, and a crimson cross form the design of a 3c red released on Sept. 1 at Oxford, Mass., her birthplace. A male Light Brahma fowl and an egg are pictured on a 3c which received first-day sale at New Haven, Conn., on Sept. 9, to mark the centennial of the American poultry industry. The promised Gold Star Mothers memorial item, a 3c yellow-gold, went on sale at Washington on Sept. 21, the design being a star superimposed on a palm branch. And the 3c marking the centennial of the establishing of Fort Kearny was issued on Sept. 22 at Minden, Neb., the design being a sculptured group of pioneers on the Nebraska State Capitol, with a partial view of Fort Kearny below.

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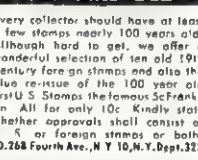
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HI FRIENDS:

Lately there has been quite a debate about comics raging in the pages of the Saturday Review of Literature, one of America's most respected magazines. In an article, a Dr. Wertham discussed the problem of juvenile delinquency in America today, and pinned the blame for some of these cases on comic magazines, simply because many of the delinquent youngsters had read comics.

93% of all young people (from 8 to 16 years of age) read comics. Naturally a few young people get into some kind of trouble . . . so do a lot of older ones . . . and of course many of the kids who get into trouble do read comics. But what the article does not state is the fact that 93% of the boys and girls who get into no trouble at all also read comics.

Let us quote a letter from David Pace Wigransky, a 14 year old reader of comics, published in the July 24th issue of the Saturday Review:

. . . In none of these cases was it proved that reading comic books was the cause of the delinquency. A good many of the delinquents mentioned happened to be readers of comic magazines, just as are 69,999,975 perfectly healthy, happy, normal American boys and girls, men and women, who also read comics.

". . . It appears that his [Dr. Wertham's] \$64 question to a child being psychoanalyzed is, 'Do you read COMIC BOOKS, my little man?' Of course the juvenile delinquent, *being a normal child in at least that way*, will answer 'Yes.'"

In other words, the case is just as we stated it above. Since almost all kids of any kind read comics, naturally some of the delinquents read comics too. But since the same percentage holds true among the millions of youngsters who have committed *no offense at all*, why not give the comics credit for the good influence they have been on these millions of healthy, normal kids, instead of just blaming them for our handful of delinquents?

Once again let us remind you to show our magazines, or any of the other good comics, to people who criticize this form of entertainment. Show those people that your favorite magazines are not harmful! Let them see Dr. Thompson's endorsement on the first page of every one of our magazines, and prove to one and all that the comics you buy and read are good for you.

THE EDITORS
MARVEL COMIC GROUP

BLAZE CARSON



FELLOWS, MEET MY NEW DEPUTY, TUMBLEWEED!

YOU FELLERS BETTER BEHAVE, 'CAUSE I'M A GUN-SLICK FROM WAY BACK!

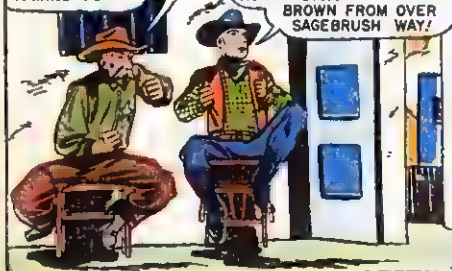
WAY BACK IS RIGHT! HAW, HAW, HAW!

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FELLOWS, HERE'S TUMBLEWEED, THE NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF IN RED DOTS! READ HOW THE OLD TIMER MEETS A DESPERATE SITUATION WHEN **BLAZE CARSON** RIDES OUT ON THE TRAIL OF TWO KILLER BANKROBBERS AND LEAVES HIM IN CHARGE! BUT LET'S GET ON WITH THE STORY, LET'S MEET—
"BLAZE CARSON'S NEW DEPUTY!"

THE LITTLE TOWN OF RED DOG IS PEACEFUL IN THE WESTERN SUN, AND BLAZE CARSON AND HIS NEW DEPUTY, TUMBLEWEED, TALK ABOUT THE FAMOUS DESPERADOS OF THE WEST! THAT IS... TUMBLEWEED TALKS!

AN' I SAYS TO BILLY THE KID, I SAYS, 'BILLY, YOU ORNERY GALOOT, I'VE A MIND TO...'

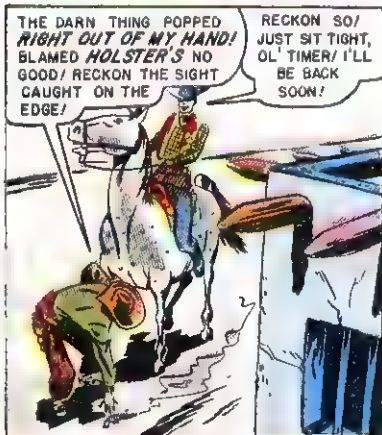
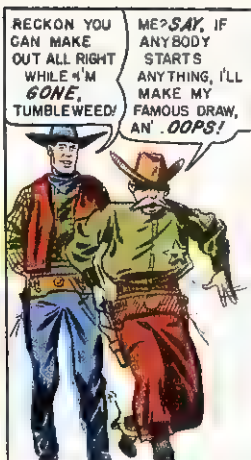
WAIT A MINUTE, TUMBLEWEED! SOMEONE'S COMIN' IN A GOSH-AWFUL HURRY! SAY! IT'S BALDY BROWN FROM OVER SAGEBRUSH WAY!



WHAT'S EATIN' YOU, BALDY?

SHERIFF! THE BANK OVER AT SAGEBRUSH WAS HELD UP YESTERDAY! THE MEN WHO DID T WERE MASKED, BUT TWO BIRDS FROM YOUR TOWN WERE HANGIN' AROUND EARLIER... **RED LANNIGAN AND SHORTY SAMMINS!**



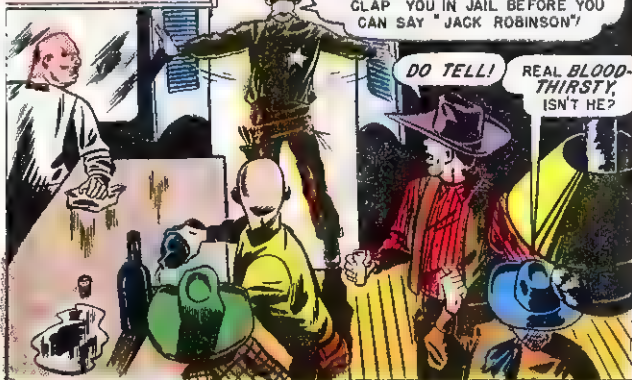


BLAZE CARSON URGES HIS BIG, GRAY HORSE OUT OF TOWN, AND AS THE DUST OF HIS PASSING SETTLES, TUMBLEWEED GETS AN IDEA!



THE DEPUTY ENTERS THE SALOON, AND IN A BRAVE IMITATION OF BLAZE CARSON, STALKS UP TO THE MEN AT THE BAR!

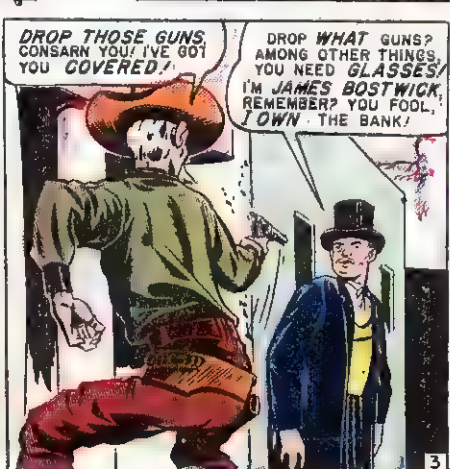
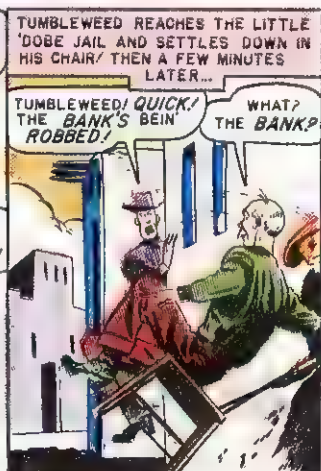
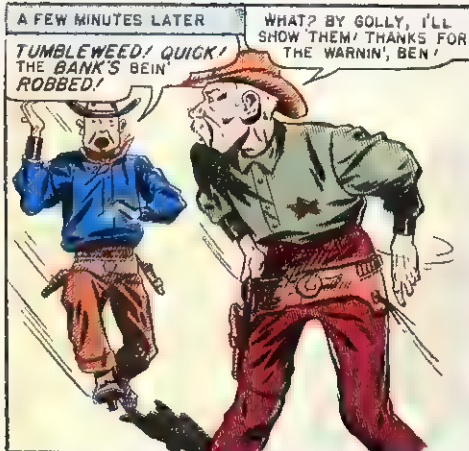
RED LANNIGAN! SHORTY SAMMINS! BLAZE JUST RODE OUT TO SAGEBRUSH TO INVESTIGATE A BANK ROBBERY, AN' LEFT ME IN CHARGE! SO NONE OF YOUR SHENANIGANS WHILE HE'S GONE, SEE? OR I'LL DRAW AN' CLAP YOU IN JAIL BEFORE YOU CAN SAY "JACK ROBINSON!"

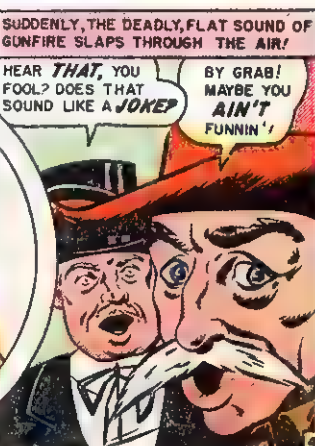
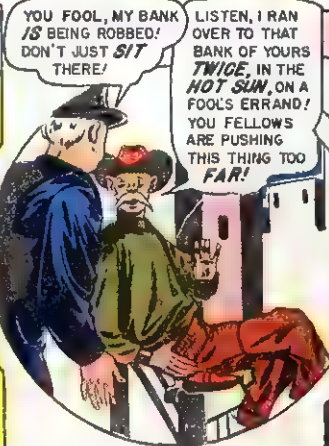
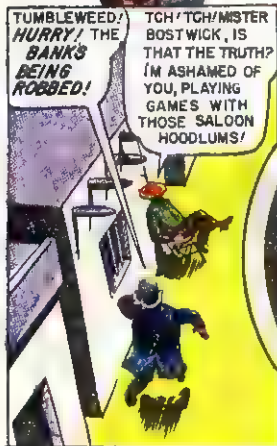
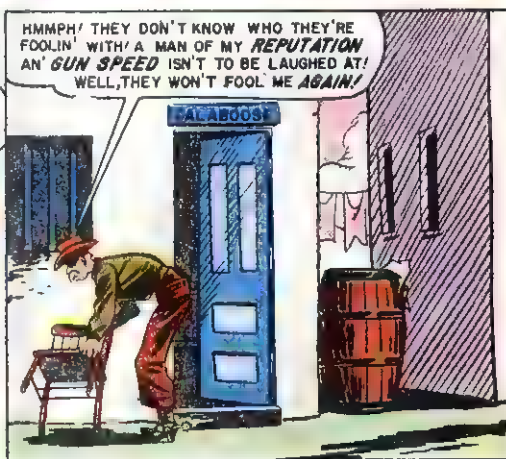
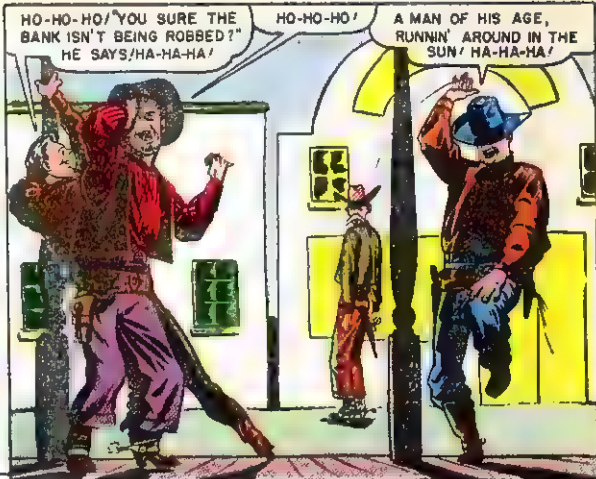


HAVING SAID HIS PIECE, TUMBLEWEED SWAGGERS OUT! AFTER HE LEAVES...

LISTEN, FELLERS, I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WE'LL







ONCE AGAIN, THE DEPUTY RUSHES DOWN THE DUSTY STREET TO THE BANK

IT WASN'T ANY JOKE!

T-TWO MEN MASKED ROBBERED BANK SHOT ME

BETTER GET THIS GENT TO THE SAWBONES! HE'S HURT BAD!

YOU OLD FOOL, RUNNIN' AROUND LIKE A LOCO STEER WHEN NOTHING WAS HAPPENING! THEN WHEN THE BANK IS REALLY ROBBED, YOU WON'T GET OFF YOUR CHAIR!

RECKON I BETTER LOOK INSIDE...SEE IF THEY LEFT ANY CLUES!

DO YOU THINK THEY LEFT CALLING CARDS? THEY'VE GONE, AND THE BANK'S MONEY WITH THEM! YOU AND YOUR BOSS SHOULD BE KICKED OUT OF OFFICE, AND IF HE WERE HERE NOW, I'D TELL HIM SO!

I AM HERE NOW!

BLAZE! I THOUGHT YOU'D RODE OVER TO SAGEBRUSH!

NOPE! I RODE OUT AN' CIRCLED BACK! I FIGURED I COULD FIND THE SAGEBRUSH BANK ROBBERS RIGHT HERE IF I GAVE THEM ENOUGH ROPE!

I'D JUST DISMOUNTED BACK OF THE SALOON, WHEN THE ROBBERS CAME OUT! YOU, RED AND SHORTY RECKON WE'LL FIND THOSE MASKS IN YOUR POCKETS!

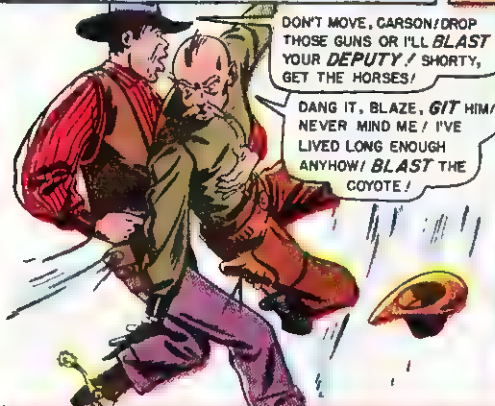
Y'MEAN THEY DID IT, BLAZE?

THAT WAS A GOOD TRICK FOOLING TUMBLEWEED UNTIL HE THOUGHT THE REAL THING WAS A JOKE! THEN WHEN HE DIDN'T BITE, YOU REALLY HELD UP THE BANK! TUMBLEWEED! WATCH OUT!

OOPS! THAT DURIN GUN IS SLIPPERY AS AN EEL!

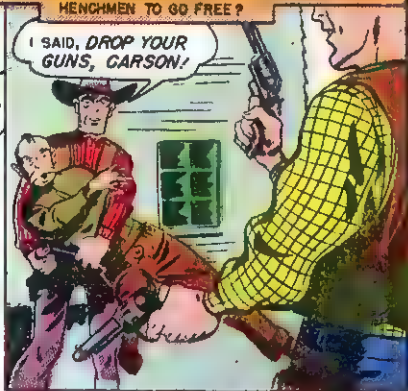
TUMBLEWEED STUMBLES TOWARD THE FALLEN GUN
AND AS HE COMES IN RANGE OF RED'S LONG ARMS,
THE VICIOUS OUTLAW STRIKES!

BLAZE GARSON STANDS LIKE A GRIM STATUE! SHALL HE
FORGET HIS BRAVE DEPUTY'S LIFE, OR SHALL HE STAND
HELPLESSLY BY AND ALLOW THE TWO MURDEROUS
HENCHMEN TO GO FREE?



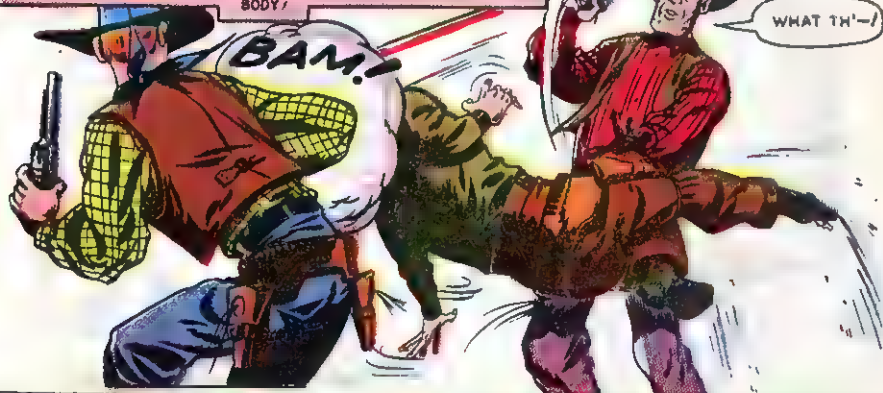
DON'T MOVE, GARSON/DROP
THOSE GUNS OR I'LL **BLAST**
YOUR **DEPUTY**! SHORTY,
GET THE HORSES!

DANG IT, BLAZE, **GIT HIM**!
NEVER MIND ME! I'VE
LIVED LONG ENOUGH
ANYHOW! **BLAST THE**
COYOTE!



I SAID, **DROP YOUR**
GUNS, GARSON!

THE GREAT OUTLAW-BUSTER MAKES HIS DECISION! WITH THE SIX-GUN
ACCURACY ONLY HE POSSESSES, HE AIMS NOT AT THE OUTLAW, BUT
AT THE MUZZLE OF THE GUN THAT IS PRESSED AGAINST TUMBLEWEEDS
BODY!



'SPANG!

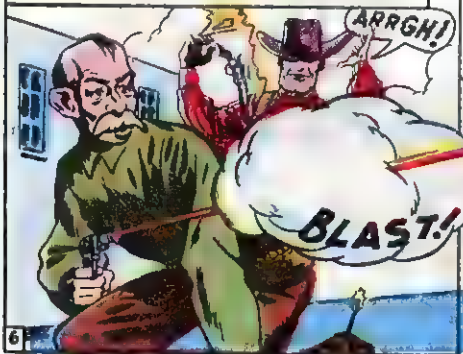
WHAT TH'—!

THE MAN-HUNTER'S BULLET TURNS RED'S GUN IN
TOWARD HIS OWN BODY, AS THE OUTLAW PULLS THE
TRIGGER / RED FALLS WITH HIS OWN LEAD BURNING
INTO HIM, AND TUMBLEWEED ACCOUNTS FOR THE
OTHER BANDIT WITH HIS RECOVERED .44!

THE SMOKE OF BATTLE, THE SMELL OF BLOOD ARE
CARRIED AWAY ON THE PRAIRIE WIND, AND PEACE
ONCE AGAIN SETTLES ON RED DOG!

TUMBLEWEED, THIS IS THE REWARD
MONEY FOR THE CAPTURE OF THOSE
BANDITS! **RUN OVER TO THE**
BANK AND DEPOSIT IT
FIFTY-FIFTY IN OUR
ACCOUNTS!

BLAZE, IF IT'S ALL
THE SAME TO YOU,
I RECKON THIS
TIME, I'LL
WALK!



BLAST!



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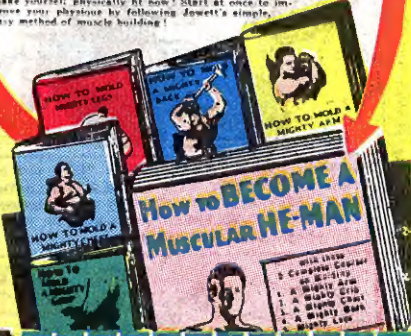
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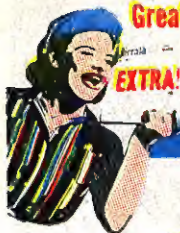
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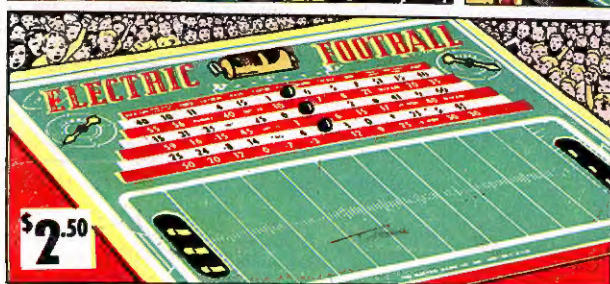
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